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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPS ON MAY 20, 1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE MAY 20 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE BELGIAN REP, UK REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY, GDR REP OESER, AND CZECHOSLOVAK REP MEISNER. AT REQUEST OF US AND SOVIET REPS, THE SESSION WAS AN ABBREVIATED ONE OF ONE HOUR.

2. UK REP REMINDED EAST OF WESTERN POINT IN LAST ROUND THAT POSSIBLE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS HAD TO BE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO THEIR TOTAL EFFECT ON PARTICIPANTS AND THAT THE EFFECTS OF LIMITATIONS AS WELL AS REDUCTIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED. BELGIAN REP RENEWED WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR DATA EXCHANGE.

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CZECHOSLOVAK AND GDR REPS MADE SHORT, STANDARD COMMENTS

CLAIMING THAT THE EAST HAD DEMONSTRATED FLEXIBILITY IN THE
TALKS AND THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR LACK OF PROGRESS
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR WAS THE WEST'S DELIBERATELY
UNREALISTIC POSITION. EASTERN REPS DEMANDED COMMITMENTS
FROM ALL FROM THE OUTSET ON NUMBER AND TIMING OF
THEIR REDUCTIONS, MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT RELATIONSHIP
OF FORCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, AND REDUCTION OF AIR AND
NUCLEAR AS WELL AS GROUND FORCES.
NEITHER CZECHOSLOVAK NOR GDR REP REPLIED IN DETAIL TO
BELGIAN REP'S PROPOSAL FOR DATA EXCHANGE. BUT BOTH SAID
THAT ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE RESOLVED FIRST BEFORE
EXCHANGE OF DATA. END SUMMARY.

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